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AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 CFR § 1.113

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 20, 2003. It is believed that no fee is required by this response; however, in the event any additional fees are required, please charge any such fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447.

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 20, 2003. Claims 15-16, 18-26, and 38 are pending. Claims 15 and 38 have been amended and Claims 1-14, 27-37, 39-43 have been canceled.